

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, with a further amendment.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7823–S7955*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3778–3799, and S. Res. 733–738. **Pages S7925–26**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3217, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. (S. Rept. No. 115–434)

Report to accompany S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses. (S. Rept. No. 115–435)

Report to accompany S. 1538, to amend the Small Business Act to establish awareness of, and technical assistance for, the creation of employee stock ownership plans. (S. Rept. No. 115–436)

Report to accompany S. 3552, to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators. (S. Rept. No. 115–437)

Report to accompany S. 3553, to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators. (S. Rept. No. 115–438)

Report to accompany S. 1548, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 115–439)

Report to accompany S. 2809, to establish the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, to

designate wilderness areas in the State, to provide for certain land conveyances. (S. Rept. No. 115–440)

Report to accompany S. 2290, to improve wildfire management operations and the safety of firefighters and communities with the best available technology. (S. Rept. No. 115–441)

S. 2764, to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks. (S. Rept. No. 115–442)

S. 1426, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to expand the purposes of the corporation, to designate the United States Center for Safe Sport, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–443)

S. 278, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for innovative research and development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–444)

S. 2948, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–445)

S. 3041, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for disaster recovery reforms, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–446)

H.R. 50, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–447) **Page S7925**

#### Measures Passed:

*Justice for Victims of Lynching Act:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3178, to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Harris (for Booker) Amendment No. 4168, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7842–44**  
**Pages S7843–44**

***Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act:*** Senate passed S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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***Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:*** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4174, to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Johnson/Murray) Amendment No. 4171, in the nature of a substitute.

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***United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act:*** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6400, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and the bill was then passed.

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***Secret Service Overtime Pay Extension Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 6893, to amend the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend the Secret Service overtime pay exception through 2020.

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***No Hero Left Untreated Act:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1162, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans, and the bill was then passed.

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***7(a) Real Estate Appraisal Harmonization Act:*** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6347, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and the bill was then passed.

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***Small Business ACE Act:*** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6348, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and the bill was then passed.

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***Full Military Honors Act:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3523, to amend title 10, United States

Code, to require a full military honors ceremony for certain deceased veterans, and the bill was then passed.

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***Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act:*** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5923, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and the bill was then passed.

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***M.S. 'Mitch' Mitchell Floodway:*** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3383, to designate the flood control project in Sedgwick County, Kansas, commonly known as the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project, as the "M.S. 'Mitch' Mitchell Floodway", and the bill was then passed.

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***Donna Sauers Besko Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 1850, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the "Donna Sauers Besko Post Office".

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***Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 5205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the "Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office".

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***SO2 Navy SEAL Adam Olin Smith Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 5475, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Macon Street in Bevier, Missouri, as the "SO2 Navy SEAL Adam Olin Smith Post Office".

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***Thomas P. Costin, Jr. Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 6059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 51 Willow Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas P. Costin, Jr. Post Office Building".

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***James William Robinson Jr. Memorial Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 6167, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5707 South Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois, as the "James William Robinson Jr. Memorial Post Office Building".

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***Oakville Veterans Memorial Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 6335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 322 Main Street in Oakville, Connecticut, as the "Oakville Veterans Memorial Post Office".

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***Ross Bouyea Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 6930, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Miller Street in Plattsburgh, New York, as the "Ross Bouyea Post Office Building".

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**Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 7230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the "Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office".

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**Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe Postal Facility:** Senate passed H.R. 7243, to amend Public Law 115–217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe.

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**U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps 75th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 737, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the contribution of the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

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**Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 3456, to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and the bill was then passed.

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**Faster Access to Federal Student Aid Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3611, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to facilitate the disclosure of tax return information to carry out the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the bill was then passed.

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**Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5509, to direct the National Science Foundation to provide grants for research about STEM education approaches and the STEM-related workforce, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Boozman (for Thune) Amendment No. 4172, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Strengthening Coastal Communities Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5787, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and the bill was then passed.

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**SOAR to Health and Wellness Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was dis-

charged from further consideration of H.R. 767, to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Boozman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4173, in the nature of a substitute.

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**SECURE Act:** Senate passed H.R. 7327, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a security vulnerability disclosure policy, to establish a bug bounty program for the Department of Homeland Security, to amend title 41, United States Code, to provide for Federal acquisition supply chain security.

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**DELTA Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4819, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa.

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**Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Boozman (for Portman) Amendment No. 4174, to modify the authorization of appropriations.

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**Securing Energy Infrastructure Act:** Senate passed S. 79, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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## House Messages:

**Asia Reassurance Initiative Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2736, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region.

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**Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act.

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**Tribal Burial Benefits:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2248, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries.

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**Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, with McConnell Amendment No. 4163, in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: Pages S7826, S7899

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1922, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell motion to refer the House Message on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 4165, to change the enactment date. Pages S7826, S7899

McConnell Amendment No. 4164 (to Amendment No. 4163), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 1923 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1922), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1922 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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McConnell Amendment No. 1924 (to Amendment No. 1923), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1923 (listed above) fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding previous Senate action on the House message to accompany the bill, the motions and amendments of Wednesday, December 19, 2018 remain in status quo and the earlier motion to concur and the motion to concur and the motion to refer with instructions and McConnell Amendment No. 1923 (listed above) and McConnell Amendment No. 1924 (listed above) be withdrawn.

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By 71 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4166 (to (the instructions (Amendment No. 4165) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4165, to change the enactment date, was withdrawn.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4167 (to Amendment No. 4166), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4166 (to (the instructions (Amendment No. 4165) of the motion to refer), fell.

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### Appointments:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a correction to an appointment made on December 18, 2018 be printed in the Congressional Record.

**United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Thea M. Lee of the District of Columbia for a term expiring December 31, 2020.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the presiding officer be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions during the Wednesday, December 19, 2018 and Thursday, December 20, 2018 sessions of the Senate.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Pages S7834, S7955

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S7954-55

**Messages from the House:** Page S7924

**Executive Communications:** Pages S7924-25

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## Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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## Additional Statements:

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## Amendments Submitted:

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## Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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## Privileges of the Floor:

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**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2)

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—273)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 and adjourned at 12:07 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018, until 11:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7954.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MONOPOLY AND ABUSE OF DOMINANCE IN THE U.S. AND EU

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights con-

cluded a hearing to examine a comparative look at competition law approaches to monopoly and abuse of dominance in the United States and European Union, after receiving testimony from William E. Kovacic, George Washington University Law School, and Jonathan S. Kanter, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Geoffrey A. Manne, International Center for Law and Economics, Portland, Oregon; Abbott B. Lipsky, Jr., George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Eleanor M. Fox, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 7327–7355; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1182, were introduced.

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## Additional Cosponsors:

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 115th Congress (H. Rept. 115–1080);

H.R. 3990, to amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1081);

H.R. 6652, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1082);

H.R. 6771, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1083);

H. Res. 1180, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 88) to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from December 24, 2018, through January 3, 2019 (H. Rept. 115–1084); and

H. Res. 1181, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–1085). **Page H10335**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.